

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Raja Saliba on 9/27/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Lines 18-20, of claim 1, have been replaced with:

wherein the shutter comprises an elongated plunger pin that extends within an elongated outlet section of the duct, the outlet section having an interior surface extending between the contact zone and the abutment zone, the interior surface opposing a facing exterior surface of the pin and spaced apart from the exterior surface of the pin.

New claims 20 and 21 have been added.

20. A dispenser head designed to be mounted on a movable hollow actuator and delivery rod of a fluid dispenser member, said head comprising a connection sleeve (20) designed to be engaged on said movable rod, the head defining a dispenser orifice (31), a duct (123) connecting said connection sleeve (20) to the dispenser orifice, and a

press surface (11) which can be pressed in order to move the head axially by pushing the hollow rod into the dispenser member, the head further comprising a shutter (4) that is housed, at least in part, in said duct (123), and that is resiliently biased by spring means (47) towards said dispenser orifice (31), said shutter (4) including a contact zone (41) that bears in resilient leak tight manner against the dispenser orifice (31) so as to seal the dispenser orifice hermetically, said shutter being axially movable against the spring means in such a manner as to withdraw the contact zone from the dispenser orifice, thereby creating an outlet passage for the fluid when sufficient pressure is exerted on the press surface, the shutter including at least one abutment zone (440) that is resiliently biased by the spring means against a fixed support zone (34), the abutment zone thus taking up a portion of the thrust force generated by the spring means so that the contact zone bears with a constant limited force against the dispenser orifice, the dispenser head being characterized in that at least one of the dispenser orifice (31) and the contact zone (41) presents a frustoconical configuration; and

wherein the dispenser head further comprises a displacement cam designed to come into engagement with the shutter so as to move the shutter when sufficient pressure is exerted on the press surface, said cam being designed to come into engagement with an amplification cam so as to amplify the movement of the shutter.

21. The dispenser head according to claim 20, wherein the shutter comprises an elongated plunger pin connected to a shoulder, the plunger pin thus defining a free end

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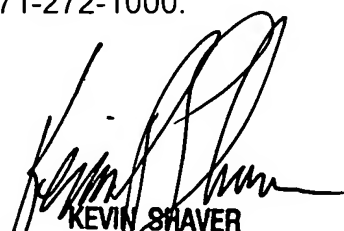
forming the contact zone designed to close the dispenser orifice selectively, the shoulder defining the abutment zone.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason J. Boeckmann whose telephone number is (571) 272-2708. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 5:00 m-f, first Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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